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THOMAS COUNTY FAIR!



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Fair Set-up will be July 23rd at 6:00 pm &

Fair Clean-up will be August 1st at 9:00 am –

50% of your club must be present at both to qualify for a Club Seal!

The Thomas County Fair parade will be

Tuesday, July 28th at 5:30 p.m.

Entry form can be found [online](#) or at the Extension Office!

Both 4-H and Open Class entries can be entered on the FairEntry website! Go to thomas.fairentry.com to register!



Again this Year for Fair

This year the Thomas County Extension Office will be closed Monday through Friday during fair week. This is a very busy week for us and we want to do a better job serving everyone at the fair. If we are needed we will be around the fairgrounds. Emily and Joanna can be found around the 4-H building or near the livestock facilities to assist you. We apologize for any inconveniences this may bring to the community but we want to focus on the fair and give our community the fair it deserves.

Reminder!!!

There will not be an August newsletter as we will be busy with Thomas County Fair activities!

Managing Cattle Through Heat

With temperature staying consistently warm this summer cattle may be having a hard time handling the heat.

A.J. Tarpoff, a beef veterinarian with K-State Research and Extension, said cattle are resilient animals; they will often acclimate to hot temperatures.

Some factors that affect cattle's heat tolerance during the hotter months of the year include humidity, solar radiation, the color of their hide, diet and more.

Tarpoff said heat stress decreases the reproductive efficiency and performance of cattle grazing on pasture. In confined facilities, heat stress often causes cattle to eat less, which also negatively affects their performance.

When the cattle get hot they pant to loose heat. When the cattle start to pant they eat less. This causes the cattle to have poor growth and can negatively impact their future performance.

Tarpoff listed best management practices for helping to reduce heat stress in cows:

Handling. Receive, ship or move cattle only during the coolest parts of the day, preferably before 10 a.m.

Feeding. Modify feeding times. Feed 70 percent of the animals' ration as late in the evening as possible, which puts the peak heat of digestion

overnight when temperatures are likely cooler. Decrease feeding during the day.

Managing heat. Split cattle between pens to reduce stocking density. Maximize airflow by removing obstructions around facilities, including weeds. If feasible, install shade structures, which can reduce solar radiation and reduce the temperature on the pen's floor. Install sprinklers to wet cattle down at night or early morning so as not to increase humidity.

The amount of water cattle will consume when the temperature spikes will increase significantly.

"To put it into perspective, when the temperature goes from 70 degrees Fahrenheit to 90 degrees, a cattle will consume about double the amount of water," Tarpoff said.

As a rule, he said cattle should consume "about five times the amount of water as the dry matter they are consuming."



Family and Consumer Science News with Sheryl Carson

Former Pathways Lead to a New Horizon

Thank you, to all those wonderful people (namely you!) with which I have had the privilege to work: my office staff, colleagues across Kansas, 4-H families, youth, 4-H leaders and volunteers, and community partners with which I collaborated for my family & consumer science (FCS) programs.

I always had more ideas than I was able to implement but getting to be creative was a joy when I did.

My daily prayer has always been asking the Lord to bless my work and relationships that my efforts would be fruitful and productive for His honor and glory. I asked Him to help me fulfill my duties, obligations and responsibilities each day. I don't know if I lived up to my personal goals but I did try. I saw my employment as a civil servant and always worked to earn my pay with honesty and personal integrity as my personal belief system.

You have two great Extension staff, Emily and Joanna, as well as, the Extension Council which includes the Extension Board so I know you will be left in competent and professional hands whether it be 4-H or non-4-H programs and services in the county.

I am ready to step out to seek new projects and complete personal goals that I've laid aside over the years. I am looking forward to seeing what the future holds.

Thank you, for the opportunity to be a part of the Thomas County Extension family.

Thank you, everyone, for your well-wishes. You've warmed my heart. You've been a blessing to me.



FCS and 4-H Extension Agent

"Knowledge is Life"

"To Make the Best Better"



Record Books are Valuable

4-Hers aren't the only people who should do record books.

In an emergency, would your family or trusted friend know who to contact? Your bank? Your financial adviser? Your insurance company?

It is important to gather your valuable information into one place. Free resources from K-State Research and Extension are available online for downloading and printing, including 'Our Valuable Records' which can help anyone. Your records can be kept in a safety deposit box or other secure location and will be invaluable in emergencies.

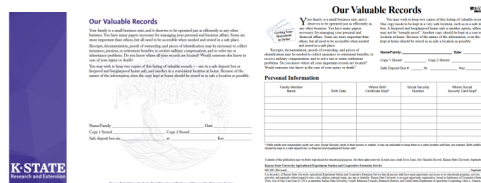
Elizabeth Kiss, financial management extension specialist for K-State Research and Extension says it may take a bit of time if you are starting from scratch to collect this information in one place, but the effort is well worth it. Having this information in an easy-to-retrieve form can make recovery from natural disaster or a health emergency go more smoothly.

The 14-page "Our Valuable Records" resource includes space for family members' names, birthdates and more, plus contact information, space for key advisers, such as attorney, executor, doctor, religious adviser, insurance agents, and banker. It can also help gather basic information about vehicles and other property and credit, bank and retirement accounts.

More information about this and other resources is available at Thomas County Extension. Links to resources also may be found on the K-State Research and Extension COVID-19 page. <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/news/stories/about-us/covid-19-extension.html>.

Also, you can obtain for free, from Thomas County Extension, a Red File packet to keep your health and medical records easily available for first responders should a medical emergency make it necessary for them to come into your home. This is separate from "Our Valuable Records."

The red file is kept on your refrigerator (or near your front door) for quick and easy access by the first responders. It could be a matter of life or death.





FairEntry



Again this year: The Extension Office will be using the program called FairEntry. We are hoping this program will help us with efficiency and timeliness of entries, results, programs and sale information. This will also include pre-entries. We have included an instructional sheet in your Fair packets and we are here at the Extension Office to help as well. Stop in, call or email with any questions.

Exhibit Building Set-up

Fair set-up will be held Thursday, July 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Please meet at the 4-H building should there be some last minute directions and to sign *the attendance sheet*. We need families to move the display cabinets, *being careful to not break the glass*. Folks will also need to clean the display cases. We need folks with screw drivers, hammers and skill to assist with building the booth partitions for booth construction as well.

Exhibit Building Helpers are Still Needed

The 4-H portion of the county fair is greatly dependent on volunteers. Please consider helping during judging days the week before fair and during fair week by assisting with setting up the judges' tables, helping the judges write comments, displaying entries, documenting ribbons, etc.

The indoor exhibit entries will not have consultative judging, so 4-Hers (and maybe parents) will have the freedom to help more easily than a regular/normal year. The 4-Her won't be tied up waiting for his/her turn to visit with a judge.

Please let the office know if you and your 4-Her can assist in any area of your preference.

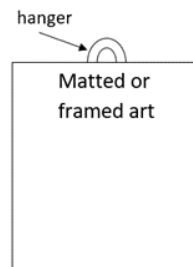
Please, call the office at 460-4582. Thank you!

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease

The Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease is present in some of our neighboring states. Since this outbreak is happening we are asking that you bring your rabbit the day of the show and take them home the same day. We want to make sure everyone and their animals are safe during fair. If you have any questions about this please contact Emily Bennigsdorf.

Visual Art Hangers

To assist volunteers who hang art work, please, be sure the hanger is above the art work (see illustration.) Remember to mat or frame the art work so the art doesn't roll up while hanging. Also, be sure the hangers are secure (tape tends to loosen up very easily.) These three points will make hanging/displaying art work faster and less frustrating. Thank you.



Sewing Construction Judging

Don't forget that sewing construction entries (clothing and non-wearable) are judged late morning, following the buymanship judging, on Tuesday, July 21st at Celebration Community Church. Constructed clothing will be modeled and judged followed by the judging of sewn items. This includes patchwork and quilts.

Borrowed Sewing Machine

At approximately this time last year, someone borrowed a sewing machine from the Extension Office. It would be greatly appreciated that it be returned or the loan renewed. Give the office a call. Thanks!

Horse Level Testing

4-H Horse Project members who would like to compete at the State level, must complete the Level 1 workbook, do some community service work, attend an educational seminar, take & pass the Level 1 written exam, as well as take & pass the Level 1 riding exam. Please contact Emily Bennigsdorf when you are ready to perform your riding test and take your test online. More information can be found on the [4-H Horse page](#). All Horse Level Testing needs to be completed and turned in by July 15th.





Shooting Sports



BB, Air Rifle, & Air Pistol–

A Fair Shoot will be held for these disciplines on July 8th & 9th at the 4-H Building.

The BB portion will be held Wednesday, July 8th at 6pm. Air Rifle and Air Pistol disciplines will be shot on Thursday, July 9th at 6pm.

Shotgun– Two safety meetings will be held to begin the Shotgun season. They will be held Wednesday, July 8th at 6pm at the Thomas County Office Complex Board Room and Saturday, July 11th at 9am at the Trap Club. Attendance at one of these meetings is required in order to participate.

Archery– Information regarding safety meetings and practices will be shared soon!

Poultry Testing

There will be no poultry testing at our Fair this year. The testing is being temporarily waived and should resume January 1st, 2021.

Livestock Sale Weight Limits

The Thomas County Fair Board has established weight limits for market animals for the 2020 Fair. The weight limits are as follows:

Hogs: 210-325lbs	Beef: 1000-1600lbs
Lambs: 90-160lbs	Goats: 50-100lbs

All over and underweight animals regardless of species, will show in Heavyweight or Prospect classes. However, animals in both Prospect and Heavyweight classes may vie for Grand and Reserve Champion at the judge's discretion.

After-Fair Locker Information

Many of you may already be aware that area lockers are becoming increasingly busy. Therefore, if you know a potential livestock auction buyer, please tell them to schedule a processing appointment as soon as possible. Available processing dates are moving further in the future. Also, lockers will NOT be picking up animals after Fair as they have in the past. In order to reduce confusion after the auction, we are asking that 4-H families do not schedule a processing appointment for your potential buyer.

Consignment Fees

All consignment fees with completed waivers must be paid and turned in to the fair board members at the weigh-in table by **3:00pm on the day of fair weigh-in** (Tuesday, July 28th). Check or cash only. Consignment fees are as follows: \$10/head for small animals (sheep, goats, swine) and \$20/head for beef. There will be no substitutions once the consignment form is turned in except for grand/reserve. If your paperwork and/or money is not turned in by the deadline, you will not sell at the premium sale. Consignment forms can be found at the Extension Office or picked up at the weigh-in table.

Fair Window Painting

The Fair Board has decided not to host the window painting contest again this year. However, clubs can still do fair window painting for Club Seal credit.

Mutton Busting

Please note: The Fair Board has decided to discontinue the Mutton Busting event for this year.

Officer Notebooks

Club notebooks for Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Historian are to be turned in with KAP Record Books, NOT at the Fair. This judging will occur in late-September/early-October. We want the entire 4-H year to be included in these books when they are turned in.

48 Hours of 4-H

Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project and join the 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge, October 10-11, 2020. Register your projects and then follow up with a report so Kansas 4-H will see all the great work that happened across the state.

By starting to discuss and plan now, you can find the perfect project for your group and help others to #InspireKidstoDo.





Exhibit Building Entries

Pre-Fair July 22: Please, present your entries for visual arts, demon/illustrated talks at the doorway of the *big exhibit room* (east portion of bldg.) **Fair Week:** Please, present your entries for tagging at the table at the entry doorway of the *4-H meeting room* (west portion of the building.)

Sign-Up Sheets

Don't forget to sign-up for a time to work a Putt-Putt or Security Watch time slot. We still have several times open. We also have a sign-up sheet for large booths if you would like to decorate one for the Fair. The Extension Board has decided to cancel mini booth set-up to conserve space due to COVID-19.

Pre-Entry Specifics

FASHION REVIEW: All pre-entries, descriptions, and photos will be **due July 10, 2020 by 11:59 pm on FairEntry**. This is to ensure that our office staff has adequate time to create the show program, download and print photos, and print your narratives for our announcer. Please have narratives and cost-per-wear brought/emailed/mailed/dropped in our mailbox to the office no later than 5 pm on July 10, 2020.

VISUAL ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY: All pre-entries with descriptions will be **due July 10, 2020 by 11:59 pm on FairEntry**. Photography entries will also need a photo upload. We are asking for descriptions to alleviate confusion for judges as well as our office when publishing results. If you are unsure of what you are planning to bring for visual arts, please submit all possible entries and only check-in what you want at the fair.

NEW THIS YEAR: The judging for these projects this year will be non-consultative format. Drop off will be on **Wednesday, July 22nd**. To promote more space we will be having drop off times per club.

Abilene Hustlers 8:00am-10:00am

Brewster Prairie Gem 10:00am-11:00am

Colby Comets 11:00am-12:00pm

Gem 1:00pm-2:00pm

Solomon Valley 2:00pm-3:00pm

Please feel free to bring all entries that are housed in the 4-H Building at this time including photography, fiber arts, etc. .

FOOD PREPARATION: All pre-entries and descriptions will be due **July 10, 2020 by 11:59 pm on FairEntry**. We are requiring a description so our office is able to differentiate entries and placings. If you are not sure what you are planning on bringing, please enter all possible food items on FairEntry and only enter what you want at the fair. The judging for these projects this year will be non-consultative format.

HORTICULTURE: Our office understands that some horticulture items may not be ready at the fair, and this will determine what you are bringing – with this in mind, we are requesting that you enter ALL potential horticulture items on FairEntry (we realize this will look like a lot of entries) and only bring the horticulture items that are ready. We will have entry cards for all submitted items.

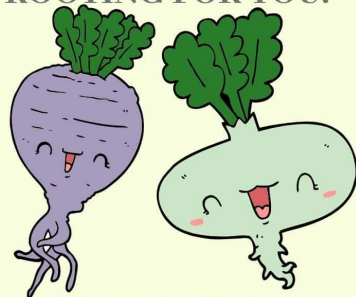
OPEN CLASS: Please go ahead and enter all open class entries at the same time as 4-H Entries. You can enter them the same way as the 4-H entries. If you have a child who is entering open class but NOT 4-H, you may select "Register an Exhibitor" and enter the child's name, a phone number, and select their open class entries. **Open class entries will be open on FairEntry until July 26th at 11:59 pm.** If you have questions about submitting open class entries, please let us know.

We hope this helps to alleviate some stress on parents, while also allowing our office the time we need to create programs & judging orders.

As always, don't hesitate to call, email, or come in if you have questions!

**HOW DID THE
VEGETABLES CHEER
ON THE GARDENER AT
THE COUNTY FAIR?**

**THEY YELLED, "WE'RE
ROOTING FOR YOU!"**



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2020 THOMAS COUNTY FAIR

HEROES IN THE HEARTLAND!

Thomas County Fair Pre-entries

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on Friday, July 10th by 11:59 pm!!!

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Thomas County Fair parade

Tuesday, July 28th at 5:30 p.m. Entry form can be found [online](#).

Saturday, July 18

9 am– 4-H Dog Show
@ Heartland Christian School
12 pm– Open Class Dog Show

Sunday, July 19

4 pm– 4-H/Open Class Dog Agility & Rally
@ Colby Ball Diamonds

Tuesday, July 21

9 am– 4-H Buymanship Judging
@ **Celebration Community Church**
Following Buymanship– 4-H Clothing Construction
Modeling & Judging
7:30 pm– 4-H Public Fashion Review

Wednesday, July 22

8 am-3 pm– 4-H Visual Arts Drop-Off

Thursday, July 23

9 am– 4-H Visual Arts Judging
1 pm– Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks & Public Speaking
6 pm– Fair Set-up

Saturday, July 25

7:00–7:30 am– Open Class Horse Show Registration
8:00 am– Open Class Horse Show

Sunday, July 26

1 pm–5 pm– 4-H Booth Construction

Monday, July 27

8 am– 4-H Booth Construction
9 am– 4-H Horse show
7:30 pm– KPRA Rodeo

Tuesday, July 28

7 am–1:30 pm– Open Class exhibits accepted
(non-livestock)
7:30 am–11 am– 4-H Exhibits accepted (non-livestock)

7:30 am–11 am– 4-H/FFA & Open Class Livestock
Weigh-in

9 am–Noon– Tallest Corn Plant Contest- Sponsored by
Nutrien Ag Solutions
11:30 am– Judging of non-livestock 4-H exhibits begins
2 pm– Judging of non-livestock Open Class exhibits begins
2 pm– 4-H & Open Cat, Rabbit, and Hand Pet show
3 pm– All Consignment forms and payment due to Fair Board

5:30 pm- PARADE– Starts at Fike Park, down Franklin to
Fairgrounds
7:30 pm– KPRA Rodeo

Wednesday, July 29

8 am– 4-H/FFA & Open Class Swine Show followed by
Sheep and Goat Shows
11 am– Antique Tractor show
4 pm– Registration for Pedal Tractor Pull
5 pm– Pedal Tractor Pull, Sponsored by Thomas County
Farm Bureau Association

Thursday, July 30

7:30 am–10 am– Thomas County Community Foundation
Breakfast
8:30 am– 4-H/FFA & Open class Bucket Calf, Breeding &
Market Beef Show
5:30 pm– 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale
Buyer's appreciation BBQ after the sale

Friday, July 31

9 am– 4-H Round Robin
3 pm– Release of Livestock going home
7:30 pm– Truck and Tractor Pull

Saturday, August 1

6 am– Release of livestock for resale
8 am–9:30 am– Release of all non-livestock entries
4-H and Open Class
9am– 4-H Fair clean-up & Release of Livestock
7:30 pm– DEMO DERBY

July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Office Closed for Independence Day 	4 Independence Day
5	6 AH—Meeting @ 4-H Bldg. 7pm	7 CC—Meeting @ Zimmerman House. 6:30pm	8 BB Fair Shoot @ 4-H Bldg. 6pm Shotgun Safety mtg. @ THCO Office Complex Board Rm. 6pm	9 AR/AP Fair Shoot @ 4-H Bldg. 6pm Fairboard Mtg. @ 8pm	10 Fair Pre-Entries due on FairEntry website!!!	11 Shotgun Safety mtg. @ Trap Club 11am
12 BPG—Club Tour SV— Club Tour	13 GEM—Club Tour @ 7:30pm	14	15	16	17	18 Dog Show 9am @ Heartland Christian
19 Dog Agility Show 4pm @ Colby Ball Diamonds	20	21 Buymanship/Clothing Const. Modeling & Judging Public Fashion Revue Events held @ Celebration Comm. Church	22 Visual Arts Drop-Off AH— 8-10am BPG— 10-11am CC— 11am-12pm GEM— 1-2pm SV— 2-3pm	23 Visual Arts Judging Demonstrations/Illus. Talks/Public Speaking Fair Set-Up Events held @ 4-H Bldg.	24	25 Open Class Horse Show
26 4-H Booth Construction FAIR WEEK!!!!	27 4-H Booth Construction 4-H Horse Show NO 4-H Council Mtg.	28 4-H/Open Class exhibits entered & judged Livestock weigh-in Cat, Rabbit, Hand Pet, Poultry Shows	29 Swine Show followed by Sheep & Goat Shows	30 Bucket Calf, Breeding & Market Beef Show Livestock Sale & Buyer's Appreciation Meal	31 Round Robin Release of Livestock entries going home	August 1 Release of non-livestock & open class entries (8-9:30am) Fair clean-up & Release of Livestock (9am)
					SS = Shooting Sports AH = Abilene Hustlers	BPG = Brewster Prairie Gem Gem = Gem 4-H CC = Colby Comets SV = Solomon Valley



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